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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

LARISA N. LIKVER, M.D. License No. MA70167

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information that on or about April 2006, the New York State Department of Health, State Board for Professional Medical Conduct ("New York Board"), filed a Statement of Charges alleging that Larisa N. Likver, M.D. ("Respondent") committed professional misconduct during the course of treatment of fifty-four (54) patients. Specifically, the New York Board alleged that Respondent practiced the profession with negligence and incompetence on more than one occasion as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(3); ordered unwarranted tests as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(35);

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engaged in fraudulent practice as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(2); made or filed false reports to insurance companies as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(21); failed to comply with the State law as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(16); engaged in conduct that evidences moral unfitness to practice as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(20); and failed to maintain a record for each patient accurately reflecting the evaluation of the patient as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(32).

On or about June 22, 2006, the New York Board entered a Consent Agreement and Order suspending Respondent's license for a period of thirty-six (36) months, with the first six (6) months to be served as a period of actual suspension and the last thirty (30) months stayed, placing Respondent on probation for thirty-six (36) months. Pursuant to the Consent Agreement and Order, Respondent agreed not to contest the first specification of the Statement of Charges in full satisfaction of the charges against her. The first specification charged Respondent with committing professional misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(3) by practicing the profession of medicine with negligence on more than one occasion. While on probation Respondent can only practice medicine when monitored by a licensed physician approved by the New York Board. By entry of the Consent Order and Agreement, Respondent's license practice medicine is limited to preclude her, individually or through a corporation, from evaluating, treating or billing patients whose medical services are reimbursed through either no-fault insurance or workers compensation. Respondent's practice of medicine is also limited to preclude Respondent from performing and/or interpreting electro-diagnostic nerve and muscle studies until Respondent passes a pre-approved course of training that provides a comprehensive review of electro diagnosis and clinical neurophysiology, as well as, an intensive review course covering basic and advanced techniques in electro-diagnostic medicine. Respondent shall also pay a fine in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

The above disciplinary action taken by the sister state of New York provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g), in that, Respondent's license to practice medicine has been suspended in another state.

The above disciplinary action taken by the sister state of New York provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d), in that, Respondent has engaged in repeated acts of negligence, malpractice or incompetence.

The above disciplinary action taken by the sister state of New York provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), in that, Respondent has engaged in professional misconduct.

It appearing that Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without formal proceedings and for good cause shown,

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this <u>34th</u> day of <u>October</u>, 2006, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended for a period of thirty-six (36) months, with six (6) months to be served on active suspension, and with the last thirty (30) months stayed.
- 2. Respondent shall be placed on probation for a period of thirty-six (36) months. Respondent's authority to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey during the thirty-six (36) month period of probation shall be expressly contingent upon strict compliance with the following terms and conditions:
- (a) Respondent shall practice medicine only under the supervision of a Board approved licensed physician ("practice monitor") who is board certified in the appropriate specialty. Respondent shall execute a written agreement with said practice monitor agreeing to immediately report to the Board both orally and in writing if Respondent's care does not appear to meet the requisite standard of practice or if Respondent is in violation of the terms and conditions stated herein while she is under supervision.
- (b) Respondent shall ensure that her practice monitor provides written quarterly status reports to the Board.

- (c) Respondent shall be solely responsible for the costs associated with the monitoring conditions set forth in the within Consent Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey shall be limited to preclude Respondent, either individually or through a professional corporation, from evaluating, treating, or billing patients whose medical services are reimbursed through either no-fault insurance or workers compensation.
- A. Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey shall be limited to preclude Respondent from performing and/or interpreting electro diagnostic nerve and muscle studies until such time as Respondent provides proof of successful completion of the courses mandated by the New York Board for Professional Medical Conduct by entry of the June 22, 2006, Consent Order. Specifically, Respondent shall provide proof that she has successfully completed a course offering a comprehensive review of electro diagnosis and clinical neurophysiology (25 category, 1 credit) and an intensive review course covering basic and advanced techniques in electro-diagnostic medicine (50 category, 1 credit). These courses shall be in addition to those hours required for renewal of licensure in the State of New Jersey.
- 5. Respondent shall maintain active registration of her license in the State of New Jersey and shall pay all registration fees associated with her license.

6. Respondent agrees that any violation of this Consent Order may serve as the basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21, including revocation or suspension of her New Jersey license to practice medicine and surgery.

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Sindy Paul, M.D. Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order. I hereby agree to be bound by the terms of the within Consent Order. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter into this Order.

Larisa N. Likver, M.D.

Date

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Consent as to form and entry:

Peter James Johnson, Jr., Esq.

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